

CHAMP CLARK TO WATERWAY MEN

Minority Leader Says That Congress Favors Improving Waterways.

He Advised the National Rivers and Harbors Congress Delegates to Concentrate Their Missionary Efforts Upon the Senate And White House—Gov. Harmon Received With Much Applause.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 8.—That the house of representatives, "practically every man in it," is in favor of comprehensive and adequate legislation for the improvement of all the navigable waters of the United States and is equally ready to appropriate money for carrying on the work, was the declaration made to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress today by Representative Champ Clark, the minority leader of the house of representatives. The declaration was made in the course of remarks by Mr. Clark during which he advised the delegates to concentrate their missionary efforts upon the senate and White House.

Mr. Clark followed several speakers, among whom was Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio, introduced by President Randall as "another great son of the mother of presidents."

APPLAUSE FOR HARMON. Governor Harmon was accorded a reception by the delegates, second only to that given yesterday to President Taft. He entered the hall during the address of General Bixby, chief of the United States engineering corps, and the speaker was forced to pause until the applause for the Ohioan had died away before he could continue.

Governor Harmon's address was very brief and contained little beyond his expression of full sympathy with the cause of the congress, to which he pledged support. The waterways of the country, he said, were free from monopoly by virtue of the constitution of the country and they offered a solution for transportation difficulties which the railroads declared they would soon be unable to overcome. The one danger, Governor Harmon said, was that the work should be started and he urged that the engineering corps should be relied on in determining this.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Clark said that he would be in favor of waterway improvement if no passenger or postal freight passed over them after the work was done. They would act, when improved, he said, as an automatic adjuster of freight rates and as such were worth all that might be spent upon them. He said that the house would almost unanimously favor any such broad scheme for the general improvement of streams and harbors.

General Bixby pointed out that a century of work on waterway problems had given the engineering corps much data on which to work. In explanation of the estimates prepared by the engineers for river and harbor work, General Bixby said that the first amount, \$43,000,000, had been cut to \$23,000,000 because it was deemed wise to ask for a sum that there was good prospect of securing, rather than all that was needed.

The last speaker of the morning was Frederick A. Delano, president of the Wabash Railroad.

GRAND-DAUGHTER JEFFERSON DAVIS IS MARRIED

By Associated Press. Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 8.—The marriage of Miss Lucy White Hayes, daughter of Joel Addison Hayes, and grand-daughter of Jefferson Davis, and George Bower Young, son of the late Harvey Young, an artist, was celebrated this afternoon at St. Stephens Episcopal church at 8 o'clock with the Rev. Arthur N. Taft, the rector, officiating.

The maid of honor was Miss Dorree Hewitt, the bride's matrons were Mrs. Robert Livermore, Mrs. Meredith Bailey and Mrs. Eric A. Swenson, and the bridesmaids were Miss Constance Pultizer, Miss Rose Frey and Miss Frances De Forest Curtis. The best man was Dr. Ferald Bertram Webb, and the ushers Chester Arthur, Chas. B. Schley, Thomas L. Livermore, Jr., W. H. Henderson Scott, William Davis Hayes and Edward Curtis.

Ballinger-Pinchot Reports May Never be Acted Upon

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 8.—The Ballinger-Pinchot reports will not be acted upon by the house committee on agriculture, to which they have been referred, until after the Christmas holidays at least, and perhaps not at all, according to present indications. In fact, the members of this committee cannot see why the report was referred to them, except for the conservation question involved. They protest that the reports, having been made by a special joint committee of congress, should have been left on the

PRIZE FIGHTER GETS OUT JAIL

HE REACHES MONTGOMERY AND RELATES A THRILLING STORY OF HIS ARREST AT LOCKHART AND IMPRISONMENT AT ANDALUSIA.

By Associated Press. Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 8.—After a week's imprisonment in jail at Andalusia, Ala., Fred Ellis, a professional prize fighter and wrestler, has just returned to Montgomery with a thrilling story of his arrest at Lockhart, Ala., while engaged in a ten round sparring match with his trainer, Doherty.

In the third round, Ellis states, the sheriff of the county arrested both participants for prize fighting. Doherty escaped later by automobile but Ellis remained in jail subsisting on prison rations until he was released by paying a fine of \$100. Ellis maintains that the sheriff acted on instructions from Governor Comer.

EXCITEMENT AT A MARRIAGE

BROTHER ARRIVES WITH A SHOT GUN AND INTERRUPTS PROCEEDINGS—GROOM A PARADONED MURDERER.

By Associated Press. Baton Rouge, Dec. 8.—After the ceremony had been interrupted by the brother of the bride-elect armed with a shot gun, J. M. Bush, recently paroled after being convicted of murder, and Miss Benson, who were married here today.

Bush met his bride while serving his sentence. After the ceremony had been interrupted the couple gained the consent of the girl's father and married. Amicable relations have been established between the groom and his brother-in-law and both are domiciled in the same boarding house.

BANKERS MAY BE INDICTED

FEDERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES AGREEMENT OF NEW ORLEANS BANKS RELATIVE TO UNIFORM RATE OF EXCHANGE.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Dec. 8.—Holding that an agreement among the bankers to charge a uniform rate of exchange on out-of-town checks is a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, the federal grand jury in session here may bring indictments against the New Orleans bankers in a few days.

AUGUSTA ATTACHES THE MACHINES OF AERONAUTS

By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 8.—Attachment of their machines in a suit for \$15,000 damages, brought by the Georgia Carolina Fair Association of Augusta, for alleged breach of a contract to fly to the Augusta fair in November, threatened to prevent flights during the second day of an aviation engagement here by Ely and McCurdy of the Curtiss team, but a temporary adjustment enabled the chamber of commerce, financing the meet, to secure release of the machines in time.

IRELAND ABLAZE OVER ELECTIONS; MANY CASUALTIES REPORTED



Dublin, Dec. 8.—Ireland has entered on the general election with characteristic zest. Already numerous casualties are reported, and the coming fortnight promises to be very lively. There are three parties to the struggle—the nationalists, the O'Brienites and the Orangemen. Mr. O'Brien, like Mr. Redmond, is a home ruler, but he is opposed to the budget and

any alliance with the unionists. The All For Ireland league, which he founded, is running thirty candidates against the nationalists, and Mr. O'Brien talks confidently of capturing ten more seats. He is receiving active unionist support in the campaign against Mr. Redmond and is being financed by Lord Dunraven and other landlords. The fight between O'Brien and Redmond is resolving itself into a contest between English sovereigns and American dollars, and the probability is that when this fact is fully realized Mr. O'Brien's followers will diminish in number. Meanwhile Ulster is ablaze with political excitement and Orangemen are threatening to prove their loyalty by offering armed resistance to the enforcement of the decrees of any home rule parliament that may be established. A big order for rifles is said to have been placed in England, and a fighting fund of 25,000 pounds has been subscribed. It is not believed here that an Orange rising is seriously intended, but the threat may have the effect of inducing many nervous liberals to desert their party at the polls.

TAPT STIRS UP THE COTTON MEN

HIS RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO GUARANTEEING THROUGH BILLS OF LADING WOULD PLACE ONEROUS TAX ON PRODUCERS.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—The president's recommendation in his annual message relative to guaranteeing through cotton bills of lading has stirred up a furor among the cotton interests of the south, who assert the plan as suggested would result in a heavy burden on the industry.

President Thompson, of the New Orleans cotton exchange, has issued a statement and sets forth that the plans proposed by Taft would make the recommended legislation as objectionable to the American exporters and producers as the guaranty company plan recently opposed throughout the south. He said it would saddle the producer with an onerous tax and place reputable merchants on the same plane with dishonest ones.

COALITION PARTIES STILL IN THE LEAD

THEY HAVE 209 SEATS IN THE NEXT PARLIAMENT AGAINST A TOTAL OF 189 SECURED BY THE UNIONISTS.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 8.—The election returns so far as completed this evening find the coalition parties 209 seats in the next parliament against 189 secured by the unionists. The coalition aggregate is made up as follows: Liberals, 133; Irish Nationalists, 45; Independent Nationalists, 6; Labor members, 25.

The counties of England, which voted yesterday remain staunch to the Unionist cause and the gap between the coalition forces and the unionists remained about the same today, the government coalition having a majority of thirteen in a total of 391 seats for which elections have been reported.

The state of the parties early this afternoon was: Coalition—Liberals, 131; Nationalists, 40; Independent Nationalists, 6; Labor members, 25; total, 202. Opposition—Unionists, 189. The unionists scored a gain in the Eekdale division of Cumberland, where Claude Lowthier, a relative of Speaker Lowthier, turned out Geoffrey Howard, but the Liberals evaded matters in Radnorshire, Sir F. Edwards turning the tables on C. V. Llewellyn, who had defeated him in the January elections. The majorities in the counties generally were smaller in the cases of both the Liberals and the Unionists, but this is accounted for by the reduced total vote cast.

UNION OF COLLEGES BEFORE CONFERENCE

PROGRESS SLOW IN LEGISLATION

HOUSE AND SENATE GRINDING SLOWLY—CLARKE, OF FLORIDA, INTRODUCES BILL FOR THE ADMISSION OF FOOD PRODUCTS.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 8.—Little progress was made in legislation by congress today. Immediately after the morning business the senate took up bills on the calendar and passed one providing for indemnity of heirs where a government employe is killed on the Panama railroad.

Two important measures intended to better the postal service and carrying the endorsement of Hitchcock, were taken up, but consideration was postponed on objections of Heyburn and Bacon. In the house practically the entire day was occupied in consideration of the Indian appropriation bill. The house adjourned until noon Monday.

Representative Clarke, of Florida, introduced a bill in the house for the free admission of all food and food products.

TAP LINE CASE BEING HEARD

COMMERCE COMMISSIONER IS HEARING CASE WHICH BRINGS MANY PROMINENT MEN TO NEW ORLEANS.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Dec. 8.—The hearing of the tap line railroad cases before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Harlan brought the representatives of practically every trunk line of the United States, lumbermen from every section of the country, and owners of short lines operated for lumber interests, here today.

The point at issue is essentially whether the tap lines are carriers and as such are entitled to a division of rates with the trunk lines. The outcome of the case means a loss or gain of millions to the lumber interests. Questioning the witnesses the commissioner directed his inquiries largely to determining what part of the respective tap lines business is for lumber mills and what part for outside interests.

10,103,986 BALES THUS FAR GINNED

CENSUS BUREAU ISSUES REPORT, SHOWING AN INCREASE OVER 1909 IN NUMBER OF BALES GINNED TO DEC. 1.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 8.—The cotton ginning report of the census bureau issued at 10 o'clock this morning shows 10,103,986 bales, counting round as half bales, ginned from the growth of 1910 to December 1, compared with 8,876,886 for 1909; 11,008,661 for 1908, and 8,343,396 for 1907.

The per cent of the last three crops ginned to December 1 was 88.1 for 1909, 84.1 for 1908 and 75.5 for 1907. Round bales included this year are 101,652 compared with 134,393 for 1909; 201,480 for 1908 and 154,636 for 1907.

Sea Island cotton ginned for 1910 was 66,634 bales compared with 77,391 for 1909; 65,396 for 1908 and 55,299 for 1907, and distributed as follows: Florida, 23,649; Georgia, 55,405; South Carolina, 7,580.

STEAMER BLACKBURN IS SUNK IN A COLLISION

By Associated Press. Yarmouth, Eng., Dec. 8.—The steamer Blackburn, from Cramsey for Antwerp, was sunk in collision with the steamer Rook off Sheeringham.

Proposition Before Body to Unify all Methodist Colleges in State.

Would Establish Instead One Male and One Female Institution—Voted Down, But Will be Called up Again Today—Brooks Lawrence Appears Before Conference in Behalf of Anti-Saloon League.

Special to the Journal.

Troy, Ala., Dec. 8.—The second day's session of the Alabama annual conference was opened at 10 o'clock today by Rev. J. W. Shores, for fifty-one years a preacher in this conference. The big question of the conference, that of unifying and correlating all the Methodist colleges of the state into one system, consisting of one male and one female institution, was called up after roll call and the reading of the minutes.

The majority report of the board of education favored the unifying of colleges. The minority report dissented. The names of members of the board absent were added to the report and the minority claimed that they were really in the majority. Dr. J. S. Frazier moved that the minority report be substituted, which was done, by a vote of eighty-one to fifty-five. Dr. Andrew Stead, president of the Southern University, spoke against the idea of abandoning Greensboro for Birmingham. Rev. J. B. Cumming and Rev. J. M. Dannelly spoke for the union of the schools. Dr. C. A. Rush spoke against the correlation idea.

The matter was not settled but will be further considered tomorrow. It is being a hard fought oratorical battle.

Dr. J. E. Brown spoke for the American Bible Society, and Rev. Brooks Lawrence addressed the conference on behalf of the Anti-Saloon League of Alabama. The transfer of Rev. F. Bilbro, from Texas to Alabama, was announced by Bishop Chandler.

SCHOOL WORKERS MEET

The Sunday school anniversary of the Alabama conference Sunday school board was held tonight. President J. B. Green presiding. Dr. H. M. Hamilton made the address of the evening to a large audience which was received enthusiastically by the Sunday school workers.

PUBLIC SCHOOL IS DESTROYED

BUILDING OWNED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BURNED WITH NO INSURANCE.

By Associated Press. Caryville, Dec. 8.—The public school building owned by the school board of Washington county was destroyed by fire at Caryville, yesterday morning. The fire originated in a defective flue while the school was in session.

The upper story was used by the Woodmen of the World for their regular meetings. The furniture in the school room was saved and most of the paraphernalia used by the O. W. was also saved by the heroic efforts of the citizens of the town. The loss to the school board will be about \$700, with no insurance.

Through the kindness of J. L. Lumborg, manager of the Geo. E. Wood Lumber Co., a suitable building will be given the school board for the immediate opening and continuance of the present public term.

SUGAR IS ADVANCED.

New York, Dec. 8.—All grades of refined sugar was advanced twenty cents a hundred pounds today.

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LANEY SPEAKS FOR W.A. BLOUNT AT QUINCY FAIR

Pays Eloquent Tribute to the Memory of N. B. Broward.

Makes Comparison of Former Governor and Present Senatorial Candidate and Finds Many Like Qualities in Two Distinguished Floridians—A Great Speech in Gadsden County.

Special to the Journal.

Quincy, December 8.—Judge Chas. H. Laney spoke at the Gadsden County Fair here today in the interest of the candidacy of W. A. Blount for the United States senate. Judge Laney's speech was interspersed with anecdotes, poetry and pathos. He paid a lofty tribute to the late Governor Broward and then went into the discussion of his subject. Judge Laney said in part:

DIRECT ELECTION OF SENATORS. "The constitutional makers intended the senate of the United States to represent the sovereignty of the states. Consequently, the senators were not elected by the people, but by the legislature of the states. The lower house of congress is supposed to represent the people. The governor of a state cannot appoint a representative in congress, but he can appoint a senator temporarily. The direct election of senators by the people makes the senator responsible for his position. A party primary is the nearest approach to this method that can now be obtained."

GOVERNOR BROWARD.

"At the time of his death Governor Broward stood out as the most conspicuous character in Florida history. Born about the close of the greatest conflict that ever shook the continent, he saw the crimmest reflection of the lost cause as the latter set forever in defeat. He naturally inherited a sympathy for the weak and oppressed of all nations. Looking down the gulf he saw Cuba and her fight for freedom and going to her assistance, he soon became prominent as a filibuster. Ever after that he was in the public eye, until he attained the governorship and then the nomination for the United States senate. Dreamer though he was, he at last attained the consummation of his dreams. He climbed the Alps heights and then on the very summit of his ambition the alpenstock fell from his lifeless hand and went sounding down the declivity and he died looking at the sun from the very apex of his hopes. The aeronaut falls to earth, but science, gathering up his charts, plants his signal on the wind and banners of the alpenstock fell from his lifeless hand and went sounding down the declivity and he died looking at the sun from the very apex of his hopes. So this most daring of our aviators into lofty realms has left his life an inspiration to the aspiring and the young for years to come."

BROWARD AND BLOUNT.

"Broward is gone and we turn from the contemplation of his character to the consideration of the living. In many respects there is a similarity between Broward and Blount, yet in other respects they are wonderfully dissimilar. Both self-made, industrious, and persistent in the accomplishment of ends, Broward and Blount—the one a magnificent specimen of rugged manhood standing forth like some rough boulder whitened by the storm—the other a finished Parian from the lapidary of the schools. The one a beacon light set up by nature on the hills and flashing with a steady blaze upon the open seas of life, the other a brilliant electric kindled by a dynamo of magnetic power and illuminating the moral and intellectual seas with a living luster. The one a magnificent Percheron hauling life's responsibilities over rugged roads; the other a finished race with every muscle developed and every hair polished, sweeping toward the goal with all the beauty and symmetry of a perfect training. Neither

Another Mississippi Bribery Case Will be Investigated

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 8.—The Hinds county grand jury has set next Monday for the investigations of the alleged George county bribery matter. During the recent Dulany trial at Yazoo City, one of the witnesses, T. R. James, a prominent attorney at Lucedale, Miss., was asked if he had been given a bribe to State Senator Bilbo to secure the passage of a bill creating the new county of George. The witness declined to answer on the ground that the evidence might incriminate himself. Judge Henry then put James and Senator Bilbo under appearance bonds for the present grand jury session. Both men are in the city ready to testify.

BILBO ISSUES CIRCULAR CRITICIZING THE COURT

By Associated Press. Jackson, Miss., Dec. 8.—Theodore Bilbo, chief witness for the state in the Dulany bribery trial at Yazoo City last week, which resulted in a verdict of acquittal, has issued a lengthy circular, in which he reviews his version of the alleged bribery and declares his intention of again taking the stump next year and discussing the matter before the people. Portions of the circular are extremely bitter in denunciation of Judge Henry, who presided at the trial, members of the jury and witnesses who testified against Bilbo's moral character. The main body of the document, however, is merely a review of the case from a Bilbo view point.